

AM only during federal waterfowl season.

**Quail: Fant's Grove WMA**

Nov. 26-March 1 Wed. and Sat. Only

## GAME ZONE 3

Aiken, Lexington & Richland counties

Please refer to the regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife Management Areas on pages 29-39 before you hunt.

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• Law Enforcement Offices, 1000 Assembly St., Columbia 803-734-4303

WMA regulations apply to public lands in Game Zone 3. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section.

### Deer

- Sunday hunting for deer is allowed on private lands in Game Zone 3 but prohibited on all WMAs.
- Antlerless deer tags are valid on private land starting Sept. 15. Individual tags are not valid on properties which are enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program. Tags do not alter the daily or season bag limits.
- Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog hunting with dogs during gun hunts for deer on WMAs.

### Youth Deer Hunt Day Jan. 7

Limit: 2 deer/either sex

See page 57 for WMAs.

### Deer: Archery & Gun Hunts Private and unnamed WMAs

Limit: No limit on bucks; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days

buck only Aug. 15-Jan. 2

either sex Oct. 8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29,

Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, Dec. 17, 24, 31, Jan. 2.

• No hunting on WMAs before Sept. 1.

### Special Area: Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve WMA Aiken Co.

**Gun Hunts: Aiken Gopher Tortoise WMA**

Limit: 1 deer per day, 3 deer total, not to include more than 2 bucks

buck only Oct. 1-Jan. 2

either sex Oct. 8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29,

Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, Dec. 17, 24, 31, Jan. 2.

• No buckshot or dogs allowed.

• During gun hunts for deer, there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.

• All reptiles and amphibians are protected.

### Special Area: Crackerneck WMA Aiken Co.

**Archery: Crackerneck WMA**

Limit: 2 deer total, no more than 1

buck. No limit on hogs

either sex Oct. 7-8

**Muzzleloader: Crackerneck WMA**

Limit: 2 deer total, no more than 1

buck. No limit on hogs

either sex Oct. 14-15

**Gun Hunts: Crackerneck WMA**

• Gun hunts on Fridays, Saturdays & Thanksgiving day only during this period.

Limit: 2 per day, 5 deer total, not to include more than 3 bucks.

No limit on hogs

buck only Oct. 21-Dec. 31

either sex Oct. 21-22, 28-29

Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, Dec. 2-3

- All individuals must sign in and out at gate.
  - No buckshot or dogs allowed.
  - Scouting days (no firearms or archery equipment), on Saturdays only during Sept. and Mar. Gate opens at 6:00am and closes at 8:00pm.
  - On deer hunt days, gate opens as follows: Oct., 4:30am-8:30pm; Nov.-Dec., 4:30am-7:30pm. For party dog hunts for hogs in Jan. & Feb., gate will be open from 5:30am-7:00pm.
  - Hog hunters are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange.
  - Hogs may not be taken from Crackerneck WMA alive and hogs must be shown at check station gate.
  - No still hog hunting during party hunts with dogs or anytime except during deer hunts.
  - No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.
  - All reptiles and amphibians are protected. No turtles, snakes, frogs, toads, salamanders, etc. can be captured, removed, killed or harassed.
- Hog Party Hunts: Crackerneck WMA**
- Limit: No limit. Handguns only.
- with dogs Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27  
Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24

### Small Game

• Small Game seasons on WMAs are the same as those listed below except dog running seasons for rabbit, raccoon, opossum and fox. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs listed in this section.

#### Dove:

Sept. 3-5 (afternoons only) 12 per day

Sept. 6-Oct. 8, Nov. 19-26

Dec. 21-Jan. 15

#### Quail:

Nov. 24-Mar. 1 15 per day

**Squirrel:** Mar. 2-Sept. 30 dogs only (priv. land)

Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

#### Rabbit:

Private and WMA Nov. 24, 2005-Mar. 1, 2006 guns & dogs 5 per day

Private land only Mar. 2, 2006-Nov. 22, 2006

Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land Sept. 1-Sept. 30

Running season-dogs, no guns

### Raccoon & Opossum:

Private

Sept. 15-Mar. 15 guns & dogs No limit

WMA land

Sept. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit

Private land only

Mar. 16-Sept. 14 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land

Sept. 1-Sept. 14 Running season-dogs, no guns

#### Fox:

Private land only

Aug. 16-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit

WMA only

Sept. 1-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit

Private land only

Jan. 2-Aug. 15 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land

Jan. 2-Mar. 1 Running season-dogs, no guns

### Bobcat, Mink Muskrat, Skunk, Otter, Weasel:

Nov. 24-Mar. 1 No limit

#### Beaver:

Private land no closed season

WMA land Sept. 1-Mar. 1

#### Crow:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

### Special Area: Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve WMA Aiken Co.

**Small Game except no Fox Squirrel hunting: Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve WMA**

Nov. 24-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 3 limits

- Fox squirrels may not be hunted or taken.
- All reptiles and amphibians are protected.

### Special Area: Crackerneck WMA Aiken Co.

**Small Game except Bobcats, Foxes, Otters & Fox Squirrels: Crackerneck WMA**

Fridays, Saturdays & Regular Zone  
Thanksgiving day only 3 limits  
from Oct. 21-Feb. 25

- All individuals must sign in and out at gate.
- Bobcats, foxes, otters & fox squirrels may not be hunted.
- During hunts, gate hours will be as follows: Oct., 4:30am-8:30pm; Nov. -Dec., 4:30am-7:30pm; Jan. - Feb. 5:30am-7:00pm.

### Raccoon & Opossum: Crackerneck WMA

Limit: 3 raccoons per party per night.  
Opossum-no limit

Saturday nights only Oct. 15-Dec. 31

Friday & Sat. nights only Jan. 6-Feb. 25

- All individuals must sign in and out at gate.
- Hunt hours are as follows: Saturdays - 1 hour after official sunset to midnight. Hunters must exit gate by 1:00 am. Fridays - 1 hour after official sunset to 1 hour before official sunrise. Hunters must exit gate by official sunrise.